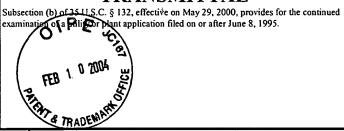
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REQUEST FOR **CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL**



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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Note: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53 (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar 20, 2000) 1233 Off. Gazette Pat

1.	Sub	omiss	sion Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114				
a.		Previ	riously submitted				
	i.		Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)				
	ii.		Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief	ments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on			
	iii.		Other				
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b.	⊠ i.	En	Amendment/Reply	TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700			
	ii.		Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)	02/12/2004 DTESSEM1 000000	51 09044030		
	iii.		Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)	01 FC:1801	770.00 OP		
	iv.	⊠	Other Preliminary Amendment				
2.							
a. Suspension of Action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of months (period shall not exceed three months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required) b. Other							
3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.							
a.	□ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any overpayment or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340						
	i. DRCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e)						
	ii. ☐ Extension of Time Fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)						
	iii.	□ Oti	her				
b.	⊠ (Check	in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed.				

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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for the continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

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